AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend paragraph [0042] as follows.

[0042]   The services 104 and 106, 110, 112, 114, 116, 120 and 122 are written/configured to operate in a distributed computing environment, e.g., the JINI brand made available by SUN MICROSYSTEMS INC., the JCORE brand made available by THE HEWLETT-PACKARD COMPANY, etc.   In such a distributed computing environment, each of these services is either a provider of a service or a client/consumer of a service that communicates by a distributed communication protocol, e.g., JINI protocol, JCORE protocol, etc.   ~~See, e.g., www.wswest.sun.com\JINI\whitepapers\JINI-datasheet0601.pdf, HTTP://Pandonia.canberra.edu.au/java/JINI/tutorial/JINI.html, HTTP://www.sun.com/JINI/whitepapers/JINI-execoverview.pdf   or HTTP://www.billday.com/work/JINI/JINI.pdf.~~

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